



DES News

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The Quick List

Important Dates
for the term

June

- 2 - First day of Full Summer and Summer I classes
- 3 - Last day to enroll and add/drop for Summer I
- Last day to file for August graduation
- 5 - Last day to enroll and add/drop for Full Summer Term
- 11 - Last day declare pass/fail, no credit, or FYR course repeat options for Full Summer

July

- 4 - University Holiday: Independence Day
- 17 - Last day Aug grad candidates change incompletes
- 24 - Last day drop Full Summer course
- 30 - Last day to withdraw from university

August

- 23 - Residence Halls officially open
- 24 - Opening Convocation

May is always a month of celebration. We hear from all sources about all that went right with academic ceremonies. A beautiful day greeted proud DES staff graduates while other DES staff members enjoyed the ceremonies as proud parents. May 1st is also the admission deposit deadline and the Admission staff can boast of yet another first- year class surpassing standard academic measures. Every effort takes a village so kudos to all DES areas that awarded, explained payment options, processed all the many documents in the Admission, academic records, accounts and FA process. Thanks also to all our SMU students who led tours, made calls, blogged, and supported all our many types of events.

Irma & Lacey



It's Good to Know...

May Commencement Success!



Colleagues,

Thank you all for a terrific effort this weekend! Once again, we had two successful ceremonies thanks to your enthusiastic contributions. All of the comments that I have heard have been positive and complimentary. We implemented several changes between Baccalaureate and Commencement and although things seemed to go very smoothly, I am sure you have some ideas that could make things even better. Please let me know if you have any input for the next time around.

Thank you again!

*Best,
Meg Scott*

Great job everyone!

I heard nothing but happiness from our graduates and their guests – and, this is the proof of our success! In fact, it felt like Pharrell Williams was singing “Happy” in the background Friday night and Saturday!

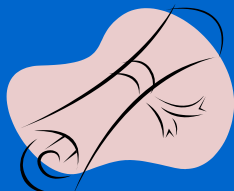
Thanks to Meg for coming back one more time! Thanks to Nancy for keeping the “wheels on the bus” the past year. Thanks to Tom Fomby as our faculty chief marshal leader. Thanks to each of you for taking your assignments to heart, and for the great execution and follow through. Please take time to send to Meg your comments and thoughts as to what worked well and what needs some attention next time. This is really important towards our continue success.

Thanks once again!
John Hall

- 25 - First day of class
- 29 - Fall Add/Drop
- 29 - Last day to file for Dec graduation

Staff Leaving
We will miss you!

Elizabeth Bandera,
SF
Paola Sotomayor,
SF
Todd McKnight, RO



Successful Statistics...

These outstanding webcast numbers might be of interest to you. If you figure each of the 1,860 views represents 2 people - this is 3,700 web viewers.

Baccalaureate Service (May 16, 2014) -- **255 views**

Commencement Convocation (May 17, 2014) -- **1860 views**

Over the two days, there were views from 44 states in the US, and internationally here are the top countries with number of views:

Saudi Arabia	380
India	130
Argentina	54
Libya	41
Albania	35
Great Britain	16
Mexico	14
Spain	14
Iraq	12
Canada	11
Ireland	10

Computer: 65%
Mobile Devices: 35%

DES Spotlight

I am pleased to let you know that **Todd Chiscano** will be rejoining the office as **Director of Academic Ceremonies** on June 23.

More information will be sent out in the next week or so, but in the meantime I hope you will join me in welcoming Todd back to SMU in his new position. Todd can be reached at toddchiscano@gmail.com.

Congratulations to **Nancy Skochdopole** and **John Meyers** for leading us through this successful search.

Thanks,
John Hall

Renaë Spotser and **Lacey Porter**,

Thank you so much for the helpful information you sent us and for working in this important role on a Saturday! We greatly appreciate your help!!

Nancy Skochdopole

Deveron Ellison is pleased to announce that **Don Moorman** has transitioned into Paola Sotomayor's position as **Senior Student Financial Operations Specialist**.

Congratulations Don!

Volunteer Recognition

President Turner received a thank you letter from the President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas. The letter expressed thanks for allowing **Pat Woods** to participate in the peer review of Abilene Christian University, she and 5 others reviewed admission, financial aid, registration and student accounts operations at that university. This volunteer effort resulted in a 7 page report enumerating the institutions strengths and some recommendations for changes.

SMUSA President's Picnic



Congratulations and thanks to **Darrah Rippy** for her service as President of SMUSA, the sponsoring organization of the President's Picnic. SMUSA had a great year under **Darrah's** leadership!

A Great Reason to Celebrate!

June Birthdays

7 - Jerrod Harrell
9 - Carol Morris
9 - Sylvia Wiseman
10 - Elizabeth Neel
14 - Pat Woods
15 - Lydia Babbitt
18 - John Hall
21 - Walker Self
23 - Susan Evans
30 - Stephanie Nonnemacher

If we missed your birthday or
work anniversary please
email iherrera@smu.edu.

June Work Anniversaries

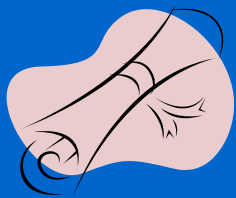
1 - Adrienne Montgomery (5 years)
1 - Alissa Cherry-Kirton (1 year)
1 - Jerrod Harrell (10 years)
1 - Lacey Porter (1 year)
1 - Cindy Luetzow (12 years)
2 - Mary Jones (17 years)
8 - Sunsharae Thierry (16 years)
8 - Joe Davis (7 years)
8 - Cindy Castro (10 years)
9 - Byron Lewis (6 years)
11 - Claudia Favela (7 years)
13 - Rod Jackson (3 years)
13 - Sherry Reinwald (31 years)
18 - Cho Kim (2 years)
21 - Dave Bell (10 years)
21 - Mary Compian (10 years)
25 - Kathleen Hayden (7 years)

Welcome New Ambassadors



The office of Undergraduate Admission has hired 20 new Ambassadors who start this summer and fall. The SMU Ambassadors represent all that is great about our university and come from a myriad of backgrounds. Katelyn Hall and Ramon Trespalacios are among the current ambassadors welcoming the new group at the “ambassador reveal.”



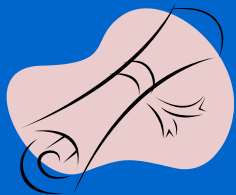
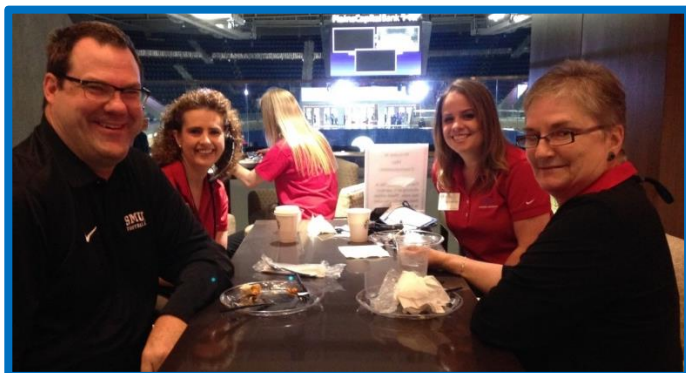


Commencement Congregation!



Jill Branson, Katelyn Hall, and Jean Porter enjoy breakfast before the exercises begin.

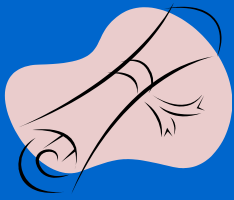
Athletics's Jon Horton joins the commencement team to provide graphics on the video boards; Jon, Mitzie Goff, Melissa Stanford, and Susan Evans are all smiles!



DES Staff Graduates

Elizabeth Bandera earned a MS in Operations Research from the Lyle School of Engineering. She is also just engaged to be married to Wesley Walker.





Admission's Allie Bures graduated with her MBA 2nd in her class!



As a top graduate, Allie announced the names of classmates as they received their degrees.

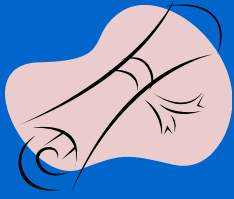


Lindsay Davis, wife of Admission's Joe Davis, earned her Master of Education in Educational Leadership - Higher Education with an Outstanding Student in Higher Education Award.

Katherine Montgomery, daughter of Adrienne Montgomery, earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Public Policy and a minor in History.



Stanley J Stubblefield, son of Stan Stubblefield, graduated from Dedman College with a degree in Markets and Culture.



Amanda Beard, daughter of Mary Jones, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Dedman College with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in Business.

